

**Abstract**

A stretcher 1 comprises a bed 21 on which a sick or injured person will be laid, legs 22 foldably provided on the bed 21, casters 23 provided at the legs 22, 5 respectively, a tank 10 for storing high-pressure gas, pneumatic cylinders 8 and 9, and intake switches 11 and 13. When the intake switches 11 and 13 are turned ON, high-pressure gas is introduced from the tank 10 into the pneumatic cylinders 8 and 9 so that piston rods 28 are retracted. Thus, the legs 22 are given forces toward deployment so that the bed 21 is given an ascending force.